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Letter dated 23 February 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In relation to the "Proposal for the immediate signing of the agreement on a firm and lasting peace in Guatemala", submitted by Mr. Jorge Antonio Serrano Elías to the plenary session of the United Nations General Assembly on 19 January 1993, 1/ and to you in a private meeting on the same day, I have the honour to transmit herewith the note addressed to you by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guatemala, Mr. Gonzalo Menéndez Park, which refers to this matter (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this note circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Julio Armando MARTINI HERRERA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

1/ See A/47/PV.95.

ANNEX

Letter dated 19 February 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the "Proposal for the immediate signing of the agreement on a firm and lasting peace in Guatemala", which was submitted by the Constitutional President of the Republic of Guatemala, Mr. Jorge Antonio Serrano Elías, to the plenary session of the United Nations General Assembly on 19 January 1993 and to you formally in a private meeting on the same day.

I wish to express the satisfaction of the people and Government of Guatemala at the favourable and supportive reception of that proposal by the international community, for we are sure that the proposal constitutes a firm step that will lead to an early peace in Guatemala.

We are informed that, at the meeting of the United Nations Security Council on 22 January 1993, you orally reported on the proposal submitted by President Serrano Elías. We understand that, on that occasion, you expressed your readiness to initiate the steps leading up to the preparation of the plan for the establishment of machinery to verify compliance with the human rights agreements, in accordance with item 1 of the proposal (see A/47/873-S/25134, annex).

It is a source of great satisfaction to my Government that the United Nations has taken an interest in this matter, and it hopes to know its conclusion at the appropriate time.

Nevertheless, I wish by this note to endorse the content of the "Proposal for the immediate signing of the agreement on a firm and lasting peace in Guatemala", which must be understood and considered as a whole, because it envisages, as you pointed out in your statement to the Security Council, the preparation by the Secretary-General of the United Nations of plans on subjects necessary for the effectiveness of the peace process, such as:

1. The procedure for determining the machinery for the definitive cease-fire to be decreed at the end of the 90-day term and all its implications such as the temporary concentration of the armed forces of the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG) under United Nations verification;

2. The final procedures for the demobilization, disarmament and integration of URNG in the legal and institutional life of Guatemala, the achievement of which must also be verified by that Organization.

On the basis of the above considerations, I should be grateful to you if the other procedures described could be proposed as soon as possible, at the same time as the machinery is devised for the immediate verification of the implementation of the human rights agreement.

I am confident that this request, which covers the content of item 3.3 of the proposal submitted by President Serrano Elías on behalf of the people and Government of Guatemala, will merit your greatest attention and acceptance, and I should be grateful if you would have this note circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.